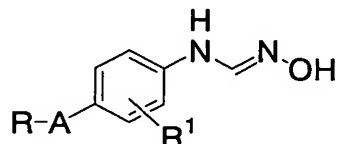


ABSTRACT

An N-hydroxyformamidine derivative of the following formula or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:

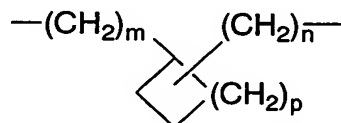
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(wherein

$R^1$  represents a hydrogen atom, a  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl group, a  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy group or a halogen atom,

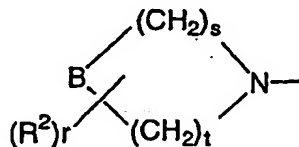
10 A represents a  $C_{1-10}$  alkylene group or a group of the following formula:



(wherein m, n and p each represent an integer of 0 to 4),

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R represents an N,N-di- $C_{1-6}$  alkylamino group, a dioxanyl group, a  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl-substituted dioxanyl group, a  $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy- $C_{1-4}$  alkoxy group or a group of the following formula:



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(wherein s and t each represent an integer of 1 to 4, B represents a methylene group, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom,

a nitrogen atom, a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl-substituted nitrogen atom, a phenyl-substituted nitrogen atom or a benzyl-substituted nitrogen atom, R<sup>2</sup> represents a hydrogen atom or a C<sub>1-4</sub> alkyl group, and r represents an integer of 0 to 2)).

5           The present invention aims to provide an agent for inhibiting 20-HETE-producing enzymes, 20-HETE being involved in the effects of causing microvascular constriction or dilation in major organs (e.g., kidneys, cerebral blood vessels) or of inducing cell proliferation,  
10   etc.